

**United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Criminal Investigation Division  
Investigative Activity Report**

**Case Number**

0906-0052

**Case Title:**

Technical Anodize

**Reporting Office:**

Los Angeles, CA Resident Office

**Subject of Report:**

Interview of [REDACTED] - January 31, 2012

**Activity Date:**

January 31, 2012

**Reporting Official and Date:**

[REDACTED], SA

08-FEB-2012, Signed by [REDACTED], SA

**Approving Official and Date:**

[REDACTED], SAC

09-FEB-2012, Approved by [REDACTED], SAC

**SYNOPSIS**

On January 31, 2012, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Criminal Investigation Division (CID) Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] and Los Angeles County Fire Department Hazardous Materials Specialist (HMS) Jeovani Stoute interviewed [REDACTED]

**DETAILS**

At approximately 9:35 AM on January 31, 2012, SA [REDACTED] and HMS Stoute interviewed [REDACTED]. The interview took place in front of the Technical Anodize offices located at 1140 Price Street, Pomona, California. The interview was conducted in the Spanish language, with HMS Stoute translating.

**DETAILS OF INTERVIEW:**

[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] has been working at Technical Anodize for approximately four (4) months and duties primarily consist of sandblasting, which takes in place in the rear building. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] is also occasionally tasked with checking, sorting and/or packaging parts. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] work schedule is Monday through Friday, 6:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

[REDACTED] stated that the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of Technical Anodize is [REDACTED], however [REDACTED] immediate supervisor is [REDACTED], who is [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that typically [REDACTED], as well as [REDACTED] is onsite, when [REDACTED] arrives at Technical Anodize in the morning. [REDACTED] stated that typically each afternoon, [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] will give [REDACTED] instructions for the following day. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] does not work in the plating/anodizing area of the shop. In fact, [REDACTED] stated that no [REDACTED] work in the plating/anodizing area.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] does not know anything about the materials or waste from the plating/anodizing line. [REDACTED] also stated that [REDACTED] did not know how any of the waste from the plating/anodizing line gets disposed of. [REDACTED] stated that employees bring the parts back to [REDACTED] in the sandblasting area, so [REDACTED] is not familiar with that part of the shop. [REDACTED] did admit that [REDACTED] has occasionally disposed of mop water in the bathroom sink and that [REDACTED] was told by other employees that it was ok. [REDACTED] stated that because [REDACTED] works back in the sandblasting area with no direct view of the driveway/parking area, so has not seen trucks picking up and/or delivering materials.

[REDACTED] stated that has been told by [REDACTED] that certain containers of materials around the shop are dangerous and not to touch them. [REDACTED] also stated that [REDACTED] has seen some containers separated out from the rest and marked off. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] has not seen any of these containers leaking or

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spilt in/around the shop.

When asked about the sandblasting waste, [REDACTED] stated that the dust/waste is collected by a vacuum system and fed into a 55 gallon drum. [REDACTED] stated that since [REDACTED] has been working at Technical Anodize, the 55 gallon drum has yet to fill up, so [REDACTED] does not know what happens with the sandblasting waste when the drum is full. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] does wear protective equipment when sandblasting and was trained by the previous employee, who use to do the sandblasting. [REDACTED] also stated that [REDACTED] did instruct [REDACTED] to wear the protective equipment as well.

**Biographical Information:**

Name: [REDACTED]  
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]  
Home Address: [REDACTED], Pomona, California  
Telephone: (909) [REDACTED]